THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) No, Sir. Under the two Plan schemes *viz.* (i) Grants to National Book Trust (NBT) and (ii) Book Promotional Activities and Voluntary Agencies, there was saving of 22% in 1998-99, 21% in 1999-2000 and nil in 2001-02 with reference to Budget Estimate. In 2000-01 however, 61% saving was due to non-approval of NBT Building project by the Standing Finance Committee (SFC). The saving was also due to lack of good proposals from reputed voluntary organisations and increases in Budget Estimate from Rs. 327 lakh in 1998-99 to Rs. 820 lakh in 2001-02.

(c) Review is a continuous process. The scop and extent of scheme of Book Promotional Activities and Voluntary Agencies is being widened in the Tenth Plan besides increasing the support grant.

Financial rights of NCW

3211. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has curtailed the financial rights of the National Commission for Women (NCW);

(b) if so, whether it is in violation of the 1990 NCW Act;

(c) if so, what are the financial implications of such an action;

(d) whether it would affect the functioning of the State Commissions for women;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the reasons behind curtailing financial rights of the NCW?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) No, Sir. The Chairperson, National Commission for Women (NCW) had requested for delegation of financial powers to the Commission as has been done with the other Commissions. Accordingly, the

Government has delegated powers on the same parameters by which financial powers have been delegated to National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, National Commission for Backward Classes and National Commission for Minorities.

(b) and (d) No, Sir.

(c) and (e) Do not arise.

(f) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Kendriya/Navodaya Vidyalayas in NER

3212. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open Kendriya/Navodaya Vidyalayas for children of hilly and tribal areas of North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the location-wise details thereof;

(c) the amount allocated for construction work of these Vidyalayas in the Region; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) The Scheme of Navodaya Vidyalayas envisages establishment of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) one in each district of the country. Out of 78 districts in North Eastern Region JNVs have already been established in 62 districts. Out of the remaining to 16 districts, proposals have been received for establishments of JNVs in 11 districts as per details in Statement (below). There is no proposal at present to open any new Kendriya Vidyalaya in North Eastern Region.

(c) and (d) Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) has allocated Rs. 36 crores for construction work of JNVs in North Eastern Region.